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Tomoya TAKEI et al.) Group Art Unit: 2862
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Application No.: 10/576,097) Examiner: Adams, Bret W
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For: LENS POSITION DETECTOR,) Confirmation No.: 1729
LENS BARREL AND IMAGING DEVICE)

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

The species election requirement mailed on September 25, 2009 required election under PCT Rule 13.1 of one of the following allegedly patentably distinct species:

Species 1: characterized by the Office Action as drawn to the apparatus shown in Figure 5;

Species 2: characterized by the Office Action as drawn to the apparatus shown in Figure 7;

Species 3: characterized by the Office Action as drawn to the apparatus shown in Figure 11; and

Species 4: characterized by the Office Action as drawn to the apparatus shown in Figure 12.

Applicant elects to prosecute Species 1, as disclosed in Figure 5.

Applicant identifies claims 1-7 and 10-12 as readable on Species 1.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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